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(Case No. MBHBOO-1156)

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International Appln No. PCT/NL99/00255)
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For: Suturing Means for Connecting a Tubular Vascular)
Prosthesis to a Blood Vessel in the Body in Addition)
Branch, A Vascular Prosthesis, A Device for)
Inserting and Suturing a Vascular Prosthesis in the)
Body, and a Vascular Prosthesis System)

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371
 - b. Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements
 - c. Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney
2. With respect to additional fees:
 - a. Attached is a check in the amount of \$-0-
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service and is addressed to: Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 2nd day of February, 2001, U.S. Express Mail No.: EL0028733505US.

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RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
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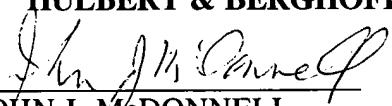
Attached to this paper are Declaration and Power of Attorney form completed by the applicants of this invention pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63. Please deduct any additional fees required by this filing from Deposit Account 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as

a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494),
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 U.S. Basic National Fee.
 Copy of the international application in:
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 Translation of the international application into English.
 Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.
 Copy of Article 19 amendments.
 Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.
 The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
 Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.
 Preliminary amendment(s) filed 27 October 2000 and _____
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 Priority Document.
 Copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein.
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2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
 The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.
 b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
 c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
 The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.
 d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

3. Additional claim fees of \$ _____ as a large entity small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 2(a)-2(d) AND 3 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 21 OR 31 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).